

Letter From India.

MY DEAR FRIENDS: The following extracts are taken from a report concerning the work under his charge, by one of our missionaries, Rev. C. B. Ward. I feel sure they will be of interest to you, as they show something of the eagerness of the people for the gospel and their willingness to sacrifice in order to obtain it:

"Less than two years ago in a village 8 miles out of Jagdalpur, Bastar State, lived a Hindu farmer named Maneta. A couple of men from his village had become Christians, and had a hard time of it owing to persecution. Our preachers had frequently visited the village, but no one knew that Maneta thought of becoming a Christian. However, one day he had 'Thou shalt have no other gods beside me' written over his front door in Oriya. This was his first and formal notice to his neighbors that he meant to become a Christian. He then began to attend services in Jagdalpur, walking in 8 miles of a Sunday morning to do so. We were glad to see him but having so little to do with his start we were a little doubtful about him. Not long after occurred one of the many Hindu feasts, and Maneta was called upon for his usual contribution toward the sacrifices and the expenses. He pointed to the sign over his door and said he was a Christian. Here he stuck. Threats and ridicule were alike wasted upon him. Then his landlord undertook to bring him to time by an attempt to deprive him of his land. He boldly appealed to the court and won his case. Asked his religion by the magistrate, he replied, 'I am a Christian.' I had to say he was not so numbered, never having been baptized. But he would swear by no other than the Christian's God.

Not long after, the landlord tried him again and this time he got his landlord fined Rs. 25 and costs for attempted oppression. After his second victory he was baptized by me with all his family, save one adult daughter. Along with him were baptized two other families who had been watching Maneta, and his victories emboldened them to decide for the Lord. Later on, the landlord tried another game on him, but an appeal to the court again won him his case.

From the date of his baptism there was a church in his house. In the month of May this year I was pressing invited to visit Maneta's home, hold service, and have dinner with his family. I had heard he meant to ask me to baptize certain persons on this occasion and I went fully determined to baptize no one at this time.

I found about thirty persons gathered for service. We fell to and had one service of some two hours length before dinner. In the afternoon the other service was to be held. Before it, Maneta began to explain to me that so and so had given up idol worship and one man had boldly bundled five household gods outside. I saw what was coming. Well the afternoon service began, and before we closed I had baptized eleven persons and with some effort had put off to another day three other heads of families, because their wives were not with them. These seeking souls were all the fruit of our converted farmer's work and life. He is neither rich nor poor. His education is limited to ability to read a little. He has taught his son and daughter to read better than himself. The daughter, but 10 years of age, leads the singing in Oriya at the services. She is a happy little Christian. Maneta is coming to be known far and near as a zealous Christian. He is diligent at home and abroad showing his neighbors and friends the folly of idol worship, and the better Christian way. But this is about as far as he can go. He wages a ceaseless war on heathenism, and puts our workers on track of many hopeful cases, and is continually bringing in new persons to service in Jagdalpur. Eight miles to service has become nothing to him. He is building at his own door a prayer house. He wants a teacher for his village. Not a school teacher, but a Bible teacher. The kind mentioned by Paul.

Maneta is a sample. The Lord is awakening hundreds, and that more rapidly than we can provide instruction for them, in things Christian.

"Bro. Plamley in charge of work in Jagdalpur, Bastar, writes under date as follows: 'Last Sunday a man came in from a place some 25 miles out, and brought with him ten days' food so he could stay here and learn the Lord's prayer and the Commandments. He brought a slate with him and wants to learn to write. Some time ago he bought three portions of scripture

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3	Local passenger to Missouri River and west from the east.			11:40 a.m.	
41	"The Burlington Northern-Pacific Express" for Kansas City, Northwest Nebraska, Black Hills, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Puget Sound, Portland from St. Louis.			3:19 p.m.	
5	Nebraska-Colorado Express to St. Joseph and the West from the East.			8:49 p.m.	
A. 91	Way freight, west-bound.			6:35 a.m.	
A. 93	Way freight, west-bound.			7:30 a.m.	
10	Way freight to Chillicothe.			6:30 p.m.	
16	To Hannibal, St. Louis and east from the west.			12:45 a.m.	
4	Local passenger to Hannibal, St. Louis, Illinois, Chicago, Peoria and St. L. & N. W. points.			11:25 a.m.	
A. 49	To Hannibal, St. Louis and east from the west.			12:15 p.m.	
A. 5	Local passenger to Brookfield from Kansas City.			11:35 a.m.	
56	To Chicago, Peoria, Florida, and east, St. Louis, R. & N. W. points.			10:00 p.m.	
A. 62	Way freight, east-bound.			5:00 p.m.	
A. 64	Way freight, east-bound.			3:19 p.m.	
60	Way freight to Brookfield.			8:25 a.m.	
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A. 5	Way freight from Moulton.			3:00 p.m.	
A. 9	Way freight, south-bound.			8:30 a.m.	
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